

Session 11-07, a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bumpo Bremicker at 5:35 p.m. on September 15, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CUMMING, BRANN, HARRALD, AND BREMICKER

TELEPHONIC: COMMISSIONER ARCHIBALD

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LILLIBRIDGE (EXCUSED)

STAFF: PARKS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR ANGIE OTTESON
RECREATION SPECIALIST MIKE ILLG
DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Commissioner Cumming would like to amend the agenda to move the Kachemak Drive Path Committee Report to Pending Item A. along with Transient Camping item. Chair Bremicker asked to amend the Agenda to move Item E. Under Staff Reports to Item A. to allow Mike Illg to return to work. There were no further amendments or changes.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.)*

A. Meeting Minutes for the August 18, 2011 Regular Meeting

BRANN/CUMMING -MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

A brief discussion on any grammatical error in the minutes could be submitted separately to the Clerk.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public present.

VISITORS

A. Lance Williamson, Save Our Track Committee (Mr. Williamson was unable to attend Mr. Steyer appeared in his place.)

Chair Bremicker confirmed with the Clerk that visitors scheduled have ten minutes unless the Commission agrees to suspend the rules and allow longer.

Mr. Bill Steyer, a city resident and Homer High School Track coach spoke to the commissioners on the horrendous conditions of the high school track and was requesting the Commission to express support for repairs and replacement of the track. Mr. Steyer opened his appeal recognizing that the City of Homer has no responsibility regarding the conditions of the track. He also informed the commissioners that a Save Our Track Committee was formed and has had a few meetings. The committee was informed by Borough and State officials that it would be extremely beneficial to have the support from community, the city and any other organization that could benefit from the construction of a new track. Specifically if the City would include this project on the Capital Improvement Plan as one of the top most priorities. Mr. Steyer stated that the track is 25 years old and has never been maintained. He noted the disparity in the high school tracks on the peninsula. He observed that Nikiski High School has a new rubberized track; even Skyview High School has a rubberized track, even though about ten years old, due to regular maintenance. The most important issue is that without a new track the principal has threatened to discontinue the track and field program if no funding is received this year. He has already stopped any events being hosted by the high school due to the poor conditions. This means that 25 students must travel to participate in any events. The P.E. classes use that track also in their normal curriculum and the Principal has stated he will not allow any students on the field to train. Mr. Steyer noted that not having a track has an impact on the community by losing revenue. Since they cannot host track and field events students, parents and visitors do not come to Homer where they can visit shops, restaurants and lodging. The loss of the track also affects local residents as they use the facilities for other events such as Relay for Life and as just a safe place for their children to ride bikes or jog/run themselves. Some officials have commented that a track is a luxury and not a necessity. Mr. Steyer disagreed with that statement.

Chair Bremicker asked what the last repairs were to the track as seen in the pictures provided by Mr. Steyer. Mr. Steyer stated that was when the creek flooded and was the last work maintenance or otherwise done on the facilities.

Commissioner Brann stated he would support sending a recommendation of support to council on getting this done.

INGRID/CUMMING - MOVED TO SEND A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE REFURBISHMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HOMER HIGH SCHOOL TRACK FACILITIES AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There was a brief discussion on the reason for appealing to the Commission since this was addressed by City Council in a Resolution not that long ago

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

- A. Spit Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner Archibald
1. Surveys on Mariner Park

Commissioner Archibald noted that at the last meeting the committee decided to create a survey and distribute during the Labor Day Weekend on Mariner Park. It has also been available on the website. So far they are getting a fair response from the public and will be able to determine next month what the overall perspective is on Mariner Park.

He stated that the top issue so far has been animal excrement and he would recommend looking into a possible solution. They are still looking at the road realignment and getting the installation of a vaulted toilet as priority items.

Chair Bremicker commented that he is looking forward to seeing recommendations from the committee on the Spit.

Commissioner Archibald reported that the committee also discussed the parks and recreation maintenance having to maintain and supply the restrooms on the spit located at the ramps. The committee felt that this cost should be reimbursed to the parks and recreation since the usage is port and harbor related.

Commissioner Cumming requested additional toilet and speed limit adjustment on the next agenda.

There was no further discussion.

- B. Karen Hornaday Park Committee – Commissioner Archibald
1. Synopsis of August 23, 2011 Meeting

Commissioner Cumming reported that at the last meeting the committee discussed if should the City perform work on the drainage issues with "Lake Hornaday under the maintenance account. Phil Needham, a committee member and with the Little League reported that there are two drainage issues that affect the ball fields. One was the swale along the north side of the fields and the Lake Hornaday area, which does affect the ball fields from seepage. Mr. Needham cited as an example that the accumulated water leaches down the hillside.

Ms. Krause recited the area in the Resolution that was before Council on September 12, 2011. This resolution did address some drainage issues affecting the fields.

Mr. Needham reported that they have been dealing with this issue for a long time and he suggested that if addressing the issues with the Lake Hornaday area can be prepared to be fixed immediately after the season next year would allow it a few months for the grass seed to sprout, etc.

Commissioner Cumming reported that the Committee discussed supporting attendance at the HoPP presentation at Islands & Oceans Visitor center and the party at the Park this weekend. She reported that Jack Wiles recommended not suing any of the monies until a pre-engineering report was received. She related that they also spoke about the road re-alignment and parking.

Commissioner Harrauld requested if the Memorandum to the City Council regarding the work that was to be done August 1st then was pushed back to October 1st and now it is November 1st. Commissioner Harrauld reported that at the meeting Mr. Meyer attended he stated he would get this work done. She would appreciate that he would communicate when he will get this work done. She felt that as a commission they planned this really well and nothing is being done.

Chair Bremicker inquired if they should invite Mr. Meyer to attend the next commission meeting to give a status report. Commissioner Archibald reported that he has spoken with Mr. Meyer and that he was

willing to give Mr. Meyer additional time to see if he does get something done. He does believe it is on his agenda. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Meyer be invited to address the commission on preliminary engineering and drainage issues for the park.

Chair Bremicker was reading in the recreation booklet distributed by Mr. Illg regarding the ambitions of the HoPP group. He was concerned that the Commission gave the group \$5,000 to replace the existing playground and he was unaware of how ambitious this group was, he does support playground improvements and he does not want to see this as a priority for this park and overlooking the master plan. He believes that the Commission needs to keep a close eye on the intentions and work being proposed and done. He did not want to have all the attention on the playground but on the park as a whole.

Commissioner Harrauld stated that this was the first time that she has heard that \$200,000.00 amount. Commissioner Brann reported that it is the overall intention to keep all existing elements of the playground that are viable. He believes that the HoPP group is keeping the Master Plan in mind while creating the new playground. Commissioner Brann stated that he believed this group has already raised a large sum of money and that they are being respectful of the original intent of the master plan.

There was a brief discussion on the work of the HoPP group and concerns about straying from the master plan. Commissioner Cumming related her conversations and impression of the designer hired by the group. She related some ideas that were to be included in the design.

Chair Bremicker expressed the desire to have a representative or two from HoPP to report on the status of the group.

Phil Needham reported on the needs assessment for the Little League. Ms. Krause asked if the monies designated for Little League by the commissioners were going to be handled by the Homer Foundation. Mr. Needham explained that since they were a non-profit the money was going to be given directly to Little League was his understanding.

Mr. Needham noted that the following needs were assessed and approximate costs:

Rebuild infields/outfields	\$7,500.00
Dugouts – Realign, Floor, T111 Siding	\$6,000.00
New gates	\$2,500.00
New fence for junior field/back field/dug out	\$4,000.00
Snack Shack – doors/floor/locks	\$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00
Bathroom and Pavilion Roofs	\$2,500.00 ***

(The Committee agreed to have this listed but is not a responsibility of the Little League)

The Little League has decided to use the \$10,000 for rebuilding the infields. Mr. Needham reported the intent of the Little League and what their plans were to try to accomplish the needed repairs and replacement of facilities that are used by approximately 200 local kids. They are hoping to have everything completed. He related that Anchorage teams actually fight to come to Homer to play in tournaments in Homer. He reported that if the City does the work they are required to pay the higher Davis Bacon wages and if the Little League does the hiring they can get it done much cheaper.

Mr. Needham also reported that if they could get a couple of Port-a-Potties in the summer time to accommodate the younger players.

Chair Bremicker requested clarification on the total \$25,500 included the \$10,000 or in addition to? Mr. Needham being a contractor just threw some numbers together and stated that the amount included the initial \$10,000.00 and could possibly be done under the \$25,500.00 amount.

Commissioners commented on the efforts and work done at Karen Hornaday Park by the various groups and organizations. Commissioner Cumming gave a detailed explanation on the history and efforts by the Friends of Woodard Creek; the effect of the fill that was dumped on the one parking area; the requirement to attend to the priorities as already outlined for the park; the monies as promised by various groups and persons for the betterment of the park. She further elaborated on the hundreds of hours also put into the plan for the park. She was afraid that the funds would be nickel and dimed away.

Chair Bremicker questioned the monies promised by the Little League and if it may be "in kind" services.

There was \$9,000.00 being held by the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society according to Commissioner Cumming which encompassed the funds "promised" by Little League.

There was more discussion on the use of funds currently available for work on Karen Hornaday Park. Chair Bremicker asked if this discussion could be postponed until the October meeting.

There was no further discussion.

C. Kachemak Drive Path Committee – Commissioner Harrauld
1. Synopsis of the September 8, 2011 Meeting (Laydown)

Commissioner Harrauld did not attend the last committee meeting she reported the response on the Resolution presented at the meeting on Monday by the members of City Council. She personally spoke to many members to get their reasoning for not approving the resolution was due to the wording included "Action".

Chair Bremicker reported that he spoke with Julie Engebretsen in Planning since City Council remanded this resolution to the Planning Commission. He opined that they gave the Council too many options and that the Commission should present to Council one plan for approval. He was told that once a project has been approved by the State it still takes 5-9 years to complete. He opined that HART funds should be used to complete the trail, they have a revenue source, and he believes that the community is agreeable that this trail is a priority. Ms. Engebretsen stated that a bond was not needed that the City could even get a loan. He believed that a single plan design option etc., real clear specifics that council can vote on. Commissioner Harrauld agreed but the one red flag she heard was the council being very protective over the HART funds and something about using those funds to extend Waddell Avenue. She stated that they will have to be really clear on the funding options.

Chair Bremicker explained that the HART Funds covered Roads and Trails. There was specific percentage for roads and separate percentage for trails. The Reber Trail was built with HART funds. Chair Bremicker stated that if they decide to use the funds for 10 years to pay off the trail along Kachemak Drive, well with Council approval. Commissioner Cumming noted a report by Lynn Burt regarding a review of the HART funds that could be done annually.

Ms. Krause outlined the steps that will need to be taken regarding the Resolution that was presented to Council on September 12, 2011 for the proposed path/trail along Kachemak Drive.

Ms. Krause called a point of order since the discussion really should be continued in committee not commission and was more appropriate for the committee to have this discussion regarding the proposed resolution.

Ms. Krause will extend an invitation/request to Ms. Mauras, Finance Director to attend the October 6, 2011 committee meeting to explain how the HART funds are used, etc. Ms. Krause will include a copy of the HART in the next committee packet.

Commissioner Harrauld reported that comments received from cyclists feel that everyone's solution to safety is to get them off the road and the reality is they belong on the road and it should be addressed in a safe manner.

Commissioner Brann stated that two recommendations from the committee that will be presented at the next commission meeting. One recommendation was to install Share the Road signage and the Radar Feedback Speed signage. This will aid in increasing awareness and following the speed limit.

There was no further discussion.

D. Parks & Campgrounds Report – Angie Otteson

Ms. Otteson was unable to attend this meeting as planned. She related that she did not have anything of dire necessity to speak about that could not wait until the October meeting.

There was no further discussion.

E. Community Schools & Recreation Report – Mike Illg

Mike Illg reported that he recently attended the Alaska Recreation and Parks Conference in Seward, Alaska. This encompasses all facets of recreation from maintenance to citizen volunteers. It offers a great opportunity to network with others, however it does show him how far behind in recreation that Homer is. He strongly supported and recommended the commissioners attend a conference. They offer scholarships and you can also volunteer to help at the conference. Mr. Illg reported that the conferences for the next three years will be 2012 Anchorage; 2013 Juneau; 2014 Unalaska; 2015 Fairbanks and he has suggested Homer for 2016. He noted that there is a lot of positive ideas and interaction. He will be attending the quarterly meeting with the School Board on using their facilities with the City Manager. He will keep them updated. They have some new activities to offer table tennis, Zumba dance class, herbalist classes, and youth running program and possible running club soon. He has a strong solid support of the camp host program and believes it will help protect against vandalism. In response to a question from Chair Bremicker he informed the commissioners that the conference is normally held in September normally after moose season.

Commissioner Cumming inquired if there was any idea on the time frame a campground host would be needed at the park. Mr. Illg did not consider a time frame in the prospect of having a camp host he was just expressing his support of the concept and figures the commissioners can flesh out the idea under the pending business item.

In response to a question about drainage Mr. Illg responded that Commissioner Cumming would have to check with Mr. Meyer or Angie Otteson.

Chair Bremicker stated that Commissioner Harrauld's inquiry was out of order regarding the award of a contract on drainage.

Mr. Illg stated that the benefits attending the conference for the commissioners would be very good. In response to a final question on the status of the HERC building and he stated there is currently no update on the status of the building. He would really love to have the building for the community recreation program. He will keep them informed. Mr. Illg left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

There was no discussion.

F. Staff Report – Renee Krause

Ms. Krause inquired if there were any questions. She described the progress with the work being done on the City Hall Renovations. The Budget is on her Staff Report and under the section for Parks and Campgrounds.

The information included in the packet was for 2011 budget. Ms. Krause explained that it can be discussed at this meeting. Commissioner Brann expressed the fear of missing important deadlines. She confirmed that Council will receive the first draft of the Budget proposed for 2012 at the September 26, 2011 Council Meeting. She further added that the information so far has been status quo from 2011. Ms. Krause recommended that the commissioners discuss asking for a small budget to use for Park day or completing a small project or whatever they decide. The Chair agreed with asking for a small amount to hold Park Day.

Ms. Krause explained that Park Day was the only function that the commission has; she stated it does not hurt to ask. She directed they discuss this further under pending business.

There was a brief discussion on the benefits of requesting a budget of \$1000.00 under Pending Business.

Ms. Krause explained that waiting until the October commission meeting would be too late possibly to request funding. A request for \$35,000.00 for a vault toilet and reinstating personnel was to be submitted by Ms. Otteson.

Further discussion on what meetings of city council will have the budget on the agenda. Ms. Krause further reiterated that it could be discussed under pending business.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Transient Camping Along Trails in City Limits

Commissioner Brann recounted some of the issues that have been recently reported with campers along the trail from Safeway to the Library and throughout the Land Trust Area and now with the Mud Bay Trail he has noticed debris and since there is now a trail there is more garbage, human waste and he noted that the City does have an ordinance and he believes it should be enforced. He doesn't believe they are doing their jobs if they turn their heads and ignore the problem.

Chair Bremicker commented on the how the successful people always recount how they came to Homer with \$10.00 in their pocket and camped on the Spit and then made a success of themselves. People are doing the same thing and now we have to shuffle them off somewhere because they are homeless. He does agree that there are problems and potential hazards with fires, trash/waste removal. He would prefer to establish an area on the Spit and clean up one area than run the risks and dangers of letting them camp in the woods. People are just going to relocate to another area if they are run off. He believes that you should offer an alternative free camping.

Commissioner Harrauld noted that there are encampments in the "Town Center" area. The camping is just a nuisance that is dealt with and there is a larger problem that needs to be addressed and she was not sure that this commission should deal with it. There are health concerns, safety concerns, etc. with the homeless camps.

Commissioner Brann reiterated that he did not have an answer to the end solution but he felt that having the campers removed from along the trails. His attention will be devoted to clearing up the garbage from the Mud Bay trail that has accumulated since it was cleared this past summer.

Chair Bremicker stated that if you do not offer free camping on the spit or preferred areas they will relocate to the woods. He further added that someone with an RV does not need free camping. He related when the City implemented the rule of having a manufactured tent and the need to earn a dollar from every square inch.

Commissioner Harrauld suggested creating a citizen patrol; neighborhood hike program, where they hike the trails twice a week and when they come upon campers offer them a free coupon to camp on the Spit. Commissioner Cumming expressed sentiment that this was not a previous concern or priority for this commission and that it is more of a social issue than a community issue. She believes that the Commission should focus on their priorities. She recommended installing signage naming the trail and this would not be a problem. She doesn't believe that the Commission should address this problem.

Chair Bremicker believed it was the commission's concern and that they should forward a recommendation to City Council setting aside a particular parcel on the Spit and if they can survive out there all winter great. He wanted to address people camping along city owned trails.

Commissioner Harrauld inquired if staff could do some research and see how things are handled in other cities like Juneau. Ms. Krause referred

HARRALD/BRANN -MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO PERFORM FURTHER RESEARCH ON ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF HOMELESS CAMPERS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND DETERMINE IF ADEQUATE MEASURES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS AND FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL.

Ms. Krause explained that she will provide additional information on how other similar municipalities handle illegal camping along trails within the city limits. She will also provide examples of successful solutions. The Commissioners can review this information at the next meeting and forward a recommendation to council. She can also include appropriate places that could be used to offer free camping.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

B. Campground Host for Karen Hornaday Park – Discussion and Recommendations on Implementing a Plan for Campground Hosts.

Commissioner Harrauld stated that this item was requested to be on the agenda but she has only heard positive reviews of the suggestion so she is in favor of having campground hosts.

Discussion included what the purpose and responsibilities of a campground host would be; the length of time a host would be committed to; that a host would not only be required to protect the campers and park but offering a resource of information to campers and park visitors. There was a recommendation of the location to designate for a campground host and that they have a host as long as the gate is open.

HARRALD/BREMICKER - MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS AND PRESENT SAMPLE PLANS ON ESTABLISHING A CAMPGROUND HOST PROGRAM FOR THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW DURING THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

- C. Budget 2012 – Discussion on Advocating for Appropriations for Parks and Recreational Events, Needs and Programs for 2012
1. Shared Costs for Spit Restroom Maintenance
 2. 2011 Budget information

Commissioner Archibald had to leave the meeting at 8:15 p.m. He commented that he is fully supportive of a campground host at Karen Hornaday Park.

Commissioner Cumming inquired if the commission was interested in applying for the Soil and Water Conservation Grant which required being included in the 2012 budget. She responded to a query from Chair Bremicker that the grant is used for recreational purposes and is federally funded coming through a state agency, any work must be ADA compliant.

There was additional discussion on whether the matching funds require being included in the budget cycle. It was not known at this time if the grant would be available for 2012 but if the call goes out then the Commissioners should entertain a discussion. It was questioned whether the matching funds would have to be included in this budget cycle.

Commissioner Brann reminded Chair Bremicker about submitting a Budget Request for Park Day. Commissioner Harrald noted that they did leave monies from the Legislative Grant for Karen Hornaday Park but then those grant funds would have to be used for that park only.

Staff will look into the requirements and report back. Ms. Krause noted that there is currently a lot of focus on Karen Hornaday Park and that there are a number of other city parks and trails that deserve the Commissions attention.

It was agreed to bring this back on the October agenda.

The commissioners then reviewed the shared costs for the restrooms on the Spit. It was commented that all the costs including electric, water and sewer is taken out of parks and recreation funds. It was questioned whether the commissioners need to address this since it is being handled by the Harbor and Public Works and they did not need to jump into the battle. This explains why the expenses are so high for the parks maintenance.

There was a discussion on these expenses being the reasons for the inability to properly maintain the park facilities. They will discuss this on the October agenda.

BRANN/HARRALD -MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT A BUDGET REQUEST TO THE CITY MANAGER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR THE ANNUAL PARK DAY AND OTHER EVENTS.

There was a brief discussion regarding the lack of a budget this year, and in 2010 they did not have the membership on the commission, prevented them from being able to hold the annual event. This event not only recognizes the parks but also gets some sprucing up and minor maintenance completed as well. It was noted that in years past they were given \$1500 out of the parks maintenance fund and they are only requesting \$1000.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of a New Member to the Karen Hornaday Park Committee

Chair Bremicker appointed Marti McCleary to the Karen Hornaday Park Committee. Ms. McCleary will replace Jack Wiles and Commissioner Cumming who have submitted their resignations citing additional prior commitments.

There was no further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Memorandum to Mayor Hornaday, City Council dated September 7, 2011 Re: Preliminary Engineering at Karen Hornaday Hillside Park
- B. Letter received from the Friends of Woodard Creek dated September 6, 2011 Re: Preliminary Engineering for Karen Hornaday Park
- C. Recommendation to Mayor Hornaday and City Council on Establishing the First Portion of the Trail Along Kachemak Drive.
- D. Annual Calendar
- E. Strategic Plan

Staff will check on time limits that may apply to the monies received. Ms. Krause will also check with the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society on the requirements to access the funds being held for the park.

Commissioner Harrauld inquired if she totally missed the last park visit. She was inquiring if they should reschedule she was okay if they did not do it. She also stated that they should volunteer to attend a city council meeting and that they should start doing that again.

Chair Bremicker volunteered to attend the December 12, 2011 City Council meeting. Commissioner Brann will attend the November 28, 2011 City Council meeting. Commissioner Harrauld will attend the October council meeting. Commissioner Cumming will attend the January 23, 2012 City Council meeting.

The Strategic Plan can be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Lindianne Sarno commented on her arrival to Homer on a bicycle; she stated she was not commenting on the social issues and that she was by no means a homeless person; she was simply commenting on the fate of persons who arrive here with the initiative and energy to make it this far north from the Lower 48 to work and that they should be treated with respect and dignity because they are here to work. She supports offering a free place for camping and that in the long run if provided in a hospitable and dignified manner it would create abundance for this town. That due to the pending economic climate they may see more persons arriving from the Lower 48.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER *(if one is assigned)*

None.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Ms. Krause commented on the meeting tonight in comparison to the meeting that was held last month. She apologized for not getting the memorandums to Council and has promised that no matter how hard the meeting or long she will address the minutes as soon as possible.

There was no further discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Brann reported that the Rotary has agreed to adopt Ben Walters Park in accordance with the Adopt a Park program. He would also like to encourage local persons to Adopt a Park or Trail and that maybe they can get more participation by Advertising the Adopt A Park or trail Program. He also added that he would like to plan an ice skating party in November.

Commissioner Harrauld agreed and stated they could do a Coffee Table discussion at the radio station and she will look in to that; she commented on the issue of homeless versus nomadic and Homer does have homeless people it is not a negative thing to recognize the social problem. There are people who choose to be nomadic but there is a difference.

Commissioner Cumming commented on a gentleman who works for her and who is homeless. She further noted that being on two committees was too much for her and she gets so upset and explosive that she doesn't know what happens in a meeting until she goes home and reflects on the meeting and feels good about what they have done.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker commented that it was a pretty good meeting, there a number of issues they need to discuss. This commission is advisory and that means they need to talk. Sometimes it takes longer than 8:00 to talk about issues. He reiterated that it was a good meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20** at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: _____